(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the challenge and thwart the evil designs of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) With the on set of summer, there has been a spurt in firing from Pakistan side in Kargil, Machhal, Gurez and other sectors of the Indo-Pak border in J&K. However, there has been no disruption of vehicular traffic along the Srinagar-Leh highway. Government is also aware of Pakistan having airlifted artillary guns to P.O.K. opposite Machhal-Gurez sector.

Constant vigil is maintained by our troops on the border and they are well equipped and prepared to thwart any attempt at misadventure on the part of our adversaries.

चीनी नौसैनिक शक्ति के मुकाबले में भारतीय नौसैनिक शक्ति

2302. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में प्रकाशित एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार चीनी नौसेना, भारतीय नौसेना के मुकाबले ज्यादा सशक्त और सुसज्जित है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारतीय नौसेना को चीनी नौसेना के समकक्ष बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) भारतीय नौसेना की तुलना में चीन की नौसेना के पास विध्वंसक/फ्रिगेट, पनडुब्बियां तथा अन्य पोत अधिक संख्या में हैं।

(ख) भारत सरकार उपलब्ध वित्तीय संसाधनों से और अधिक संख्या में युद्धपोतों तथा पनडुब्बियों का अर्जन करके/देश में ही उनका निर्माण करके पर्याप्त कदम उठा रही है।

Chinese surveillance station on border

2303. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proof of the surveillance station set up by China on our border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANFES): (a) to (c) There are no reports of installation of Chinese surveillance station on our border.

Installation of Transmission System of DD in Meghalaya

2304. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence authorities have objected to the installation of powerful transmission system of Doordarshan in Meghalaya and North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Defence authorities have reviewed their stand in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) Normally the Defence authorities do not put any objection to proposals from Government Organisations for installation of transmission systems unless such transmission systems pose operational obstructions especially in regard to low flying operations. During the last two years the Air Force received only two proposals from Doordarshan for clearance in respect of Meghalaya and North Eastern States and have cleared both of them.

Trishul Missile

2305. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Trishul' missiles naval version has been successfully tested; if so, the outcome thereof; and